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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senator
1200 Washington Avenue South
Room 250
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

Dear Senator Klobuchar:

Thank you for your May 12, 2011 email forwarding constituent Stewart Shaft's concerns about delisting the Nutting Truck and Caster Corporation Superfund Site from the National Priorities List (NPL). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 staff discussed the status of the site with your staff on May 24, 2011. This letter summarizes the substance of that discussion.

The Nutting Truck site is on the NPL and cannot be removed from the list until the groundwater at the site meets federal drinking water standards. The most recent groundwater samples collected at the site were collected in May 2007 and show concentrations of trichloroethylene that exceed the federal drinking water standard. My staff is working with the site owner to enter into an agreement to install new monitoring wells and to explore options for reducing the cost of groundwater sampling. When groundwater standards are met, we will work with the site owner to delist the property from the NPL.

The federal NPL delisting process differs from the process used by the State of Minnesota. The site was removed from the state list in 2007 when the site owner entered into an agreement with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, prohibiting the installation of drinking water wells on the property. Unfortunately, that agreement allowed the site owner to abandon monitoring wells that could have been used for additional sampling.

Again, thank you and your staff for the inquiry. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Ronna Beckmann or Denise Gawlinski, the Region 5 Congressional Liaisons, at (312) 886-3000.

Sincerely,

Susan Hedman
Regional Administrator